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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
9 WESTERN DIVISION  
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11 ORIENTHAL D. LIGGINS, ) No. ED CV 11-00846-JST (VBK)  
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13 ) Petitioner, ) ORDER ACCEPTING FINDINGS AND  
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15 ) v. ) RECOMMENDATIONS OF UNITED STATES  
16 ) MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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18 ) MATTHEW CATE, )  
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20 ) Respondent. )  
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17 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §636, the Court has reviewed the Petition  
18 for Writ of Habeas Corpus ("Petition"), the records and files herein,  
19 and the Report and Recommendation of the United States Magistrate  
20 Judge ("Report").

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1       **IT IS ORDERED** that: (1) the Court accepts the findings and  
 2 recommendations of the Magistrate Judge, and (2) the Court declines to  
 3 issue a Certificate of Appealability ("COA").<sup>1</sup>

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 5 DATED: August 4, 2011

**JOSEPHINE STATON TUCKER**  
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 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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 15       <sup>1</sup> Under 28 U.S.C. §2253(c)(2), a Certificate of Appealability  
 16 may issue "only if the applicant has made a substantial showing of the  
 17 denial of a constitutional right." Here, the Court has adopted the  
 18 Magistrate Judge's finding and conclusion that the Petition fails to  
 19 state a claim cognizable in federal court. Thus, the Court's  
 20 determination of whether a Certificate of Appealability should issue  
 21 here is governed by the Supreme Court's decision in Slack v. McDaniel,  
 22 529 U.S. 473, 120 S. Ct. 1595 (2000), where the Supreme Court held  
 23 that, "[w]hen the district court denies a habeas petition on  
 24 procedural grounds without reaching the prisoner's underlying  
 25 constitutional claim, a COA should issue when the prisoner shows, at  
 26 least, that jurists of reason would find it debatable whether the  
 27 petition states a valid claim of the denial of a constitutional right  
 28 and that jurists of reason would find it debatable whether the  
 district court was correct in its procedural ruling." 529 U.S. at  
 484. As the Supreme Court further explained:

23       "Section 2253 mandates that both showings be made before the  
 24 court of appeals may entertain the appeal. Each component  
 25 of the § 2253(c) showing is part of a threshold inquiry, and  
 26 a court may find that it can dispose of the application in  
 27 a fair and prompt manner if it proceeds first to resolve the  
 28 issue whose answer is more apparent from the record and  
 arguments." Id. at 485.

Here, the Court finds that Petitioner has failed to make the  
 requisite showing that "jurists of reason would find it debatable  
 whether the district court was correct in its procedural ruling."